

# **State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Public Safety Special Projects Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Special Projects

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## Component Mission

The mission of the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to preserve the public peace and to protect life and property.

## Component Services Provided

This component consists of multiple, small, non-general funded programs, including:

- U.S. Forest Service Contracts
- DEA Marijuana Eradication
- Narcotics Suppression (forfeitures)
- Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG)
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment
- Rural Alcohol Interdiction Grant
- RSAs from Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
- Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force (DEA)
- Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)

This component is made up of a variety of federal grants and contracts:

The (LLEBG) Local Law Enforcement Block Grants provide federal funds to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety.

The (RSAT) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment For State Prisoners Formula Grant Program provides federal funds to reduce the cycle of crime and the subsequent incarceration of offenders due to serious substance abuse problems.

The (MJE) Marijuana Eradication Grant through the DEA will defray the cost relating to the eradication and suppression of illicit marijuana and other controlled substances.

The U.S. Forest Service contract is a reimbursable agreement to help utilize the resources of the Forest Service and the Department of Public Safety in protection of persons and property within the state's federal forests. The contract provides funding for overtime spent patrolling and investigation on Forest Service lands.

The NARCO Suppression Program provides sharing of federal forfeiture proceeds with participating agencies. The primary purpose of the department's forfeiture program is to deter crime by depriving criminals of the profits and proceeds of their illegal activities and to weaken criminal enterprises by removing the instruments of crime.

The Rural Alcohol Interdiction Program focuses on keeping alcohol out of dry communities; educating the residents in community team policing, and then empowering the residents to assist by taking an active role in the betterment of their communities by keeping illegal alcohol out of their villages. This is a joint effort between the Departments of Public Safety and Law.

The statewide Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Coordinator's Office manages the training of law enforcement officers throughout Alaska to prepare these officers for D.A.R.E. duties within the state's schools.

The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program works in close partnership with state and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation and prosecution of major drug trafficking organizations.

The goals of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force between DEA and DPS is to disrupt the illicit drug traffic in the State of Alaska by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations; gather & report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs; and conduct undercover operations.

An Unsolved Homicide Investigations Unit was established in FY2003 utilizing federal forfeiture funds. The unsolved case files warrant the attention of experienced investigators not subject to distraction by new cases requiring immediate attention. This team will focus exclusively on these aging cases. The Alaska State Troopers have on file 97 unsolved cases of death investigations for the period 1961 through 1999, the majority of which are directly attributable to homicide.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

This component includes funding received by the Division of Alaska State Troopers from the federal government. One of the goals for the Division of Alaska State Troopers is to continually apply for federal funding and interagency receipts to expand law enforcement efforts. In the past several years, AST has received federal earmarks for alcohol interdiction efforts, illegal drug and alcohol enforcement, VPO/VPSO training and equipment, and contracts from the U.S. Department of Justice for special enforcement efforts.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

The capabilities and efficiency of personnel within the Criminal Justice System in Alaska, both within the Department of Public Safety and other agencies, need to be increased in order to obtain the best use of the available personnel.

Substance abuse remains one of the significant problems facing our society but resources are insufficient to provide effective treatment for offenders and prevent recidivism.

The high incidence of violence associated with alcohol use continues in western Alaska because resources are insufficient to effectively enforce the local ordinances that prohibit alcohol in these remote and inaccessible communities.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

With funding provided by the federal government the troopers accomplished the following in FY2002.

- Through U.S. Forest Service contracts, the department received reimbursement for hours worked in providing enforcement and patrol services on federal lands.
- Through the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Marijuana Eradication program, the department and local law enforcement agencies received reimbursement for a portion of the costs of destroying marijuana grows. Those costs included such things as officer overtime, officer travel, and evidence storage.
- The Narcotics Suppression (forfeitures) program provided the department, as well as other law enforcement agencies, with equipment for transportation, officer protection, communication, and surveillance.
- Through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program, the department obtained officer training, equipment for transportation, officer protection, communication, and surveillance.
- The troopers continue to support and promote the multidisciplinary response to sexual assault by sponsoring Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) training. Additionally, Academy training and in-service training have been provided to other law enforcement agencies and officers, including Village Public Safety Officers and Village Police Officers.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

- 1) Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)
- 2) DPS - Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
- 3) State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)

**Special Projects**  
**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

	<b>FY2002 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2004 Governor</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	436.5	861.9	1,217.9
72000 Travel	66.7	114.0	114.0
73000 Contractual	804.4	2,167.7	2,231.3
74000 Supplies	170.0	169.0	169.0
75000 Equipment	617.1	357.6	357.6
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>2,094.7</b>	<b>3,670.2</b>	<b>4,089.8</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	1,917.0	3,223.0	3,249.3
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	177.7	447.2	453.8
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	0.0	0.0	386.7
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>2,094.7</b>	<b>3,670.2</b>	<b>4,089.8</b>

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### Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

The Department of Public Safety received a \$2 million Illegal Drug and Alcohol Enforcement federal grant, in which five new non-permanent state trooper positions were established. These positions will conduct drug and alcohol investigations in conjunction with existing units/efforts.

### Summary of Component Budget Changes From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

*All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2003 Authorized</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,223.0</b>	<b>447.2</b>	<b>3,670.2</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA for General Government Bargaining Unit	0.0	1.2	0.7	1.9
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Fund 5 Existing Non-Perm PCNs- Budget CIP I/A from Illegal Drug and Alcohol Federal Grant	0.0	0.0	386.7	386.7
-Increased Variable Benefit Costs: Working Reserve and PERS Rates	0.0	25.1	5.9	31.0
<b>FY2004 Governor</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,249.3</b>	<b>840.5</b>	<b>4,089.8</b>

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## Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	8	8	Annual Salaries	850,937
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	51,628
Nonpermanent	0	7	Annual Benefits	312,322
			<i>Less 0.16% Vacancy Factor</i>	(1,987)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	5,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>1,217,900</b>

## Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk I	1	0	0	0	1
Prog Coordinator	1	0	0	0	1
Project Coord	1	0	0	0	1
State Trooper	3	1	0	8	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>